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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1136

By Fraley

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Colonel Patrick Eagan
for his outstanding service to his country and the
American people in the United States Air Force.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause in its deliberations to recognize those outstanding men and women who faithfully serve this nation with bravery and courage; and

WHEREAS, Colonel Patrick Eagan, United States Air Force, is one such remarkable person who has devoted his life to the service and the protection of his country; and

WHEREAS, Colonel Patrick Eagan has honorably served as an Officer in the United States Air Force and will retire on September 30, 2002 after 30 years of exemplary service; and

WHEREAS, as a college student, Patrick Eagan was an active member of the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC); and

WHEREAS, after his outstanding service in the ROTC, Patrick Eagan was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force in 1972 and served his first duty with the 321st Combat Support Group at Grand Forks Air Force Base in North Dakota; and

WHEREAS, Patrick Eagan has served the United States Air Force with bravery and honor in numerous capacities, including serving with distinction in assignments with the 51st Combat Support Group, Osan Air Base, South Korea; the 7th Combat Support Group, Carswell Air Force Base, Texas; the 43rd Services Squadron, 43rd Bomb Wing, Anderson Air Force Base, Guam; Norton Air Force Base, California; Tyndall Air Force Base, Florida; Robbins Air Force Base, Georgia; Langley Air Force Base, Virginia; Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio; and his current position at Arnold Air Force Base, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, he has served astutely with the Headquarters of Strategic Air Command at Oufitt Air Force Base, Nebraska, the Headquarters of Air Combat Command at Langley Air Force Base, Virginia, and with the United States Air Force Headquarters in Washington, D. C.; and

WHEREAS, in his current assignment at Arnold Air Force Base, Colonel Eagan serves as the Director of Support for the Arnold Engineering Development Center; and

WHEREAS, in this position he has wisely guided the Support Directorate, which serves as an integral part of Air Force operations and employs 89 military personnel and government civilians and more than 1000 contractor personnel; and

WHEREAS, this vital military institution provides security, communications, logistics, base services, computer, environmental, and civil engineering for a seven billion dollar national test center that employs 2,900 scientists, engineers and technicians; and

WHEREAS, Colonel Eagan's exceptional leadership, coupled with his remarkable ability to work well with people from all walks of life, has contributed greatly to the success of his career; and

WHEREAS, these rare abilities have led to several leadership positions and many promotions; he attained the rank of First Lieutenant in 1974, Captain in 1976, Major in 1984, Lieutenant Colonel in 1989, and the esteemed rank of Colonel in 1994; and

WHEREAS, Colonel Eagan's outstanding service with the U.S. Air Force has yielded numerous service medals, awards, and commendations including the Legion of Merit Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with seven Oak Leaf Clusters, the Air Force Recognition Ribbon, and the Air Force Commendation Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters; and

WHEREAS, he has also been honored by United States Congressman Van Hilleary and the United States Congress, as a flag was flown over the United States Capitol in honor of his 30 years of outstanding service to this great nation; and

WHEREAS, Representative George Fraley and this General Assembly bestowed a similar honor upon Colonel Eagan, as that same flag was flown over the Tennessee State Capitol on June 3, 2002 to honor this great patriot; and

WHEREAS, Colonel Eagan is not only an outstanding officer and gentleman, he is also a dedicated and proficient scholar. He earned a Bachelor's degree in Economics from the University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee, and a Master of Public Administration degree from Texas Christian University; and

WHEREAS, Colonel Eagan's outstanding proficiency in the realm of academics and military tactics is also evidenced by his superior performance at the Squadron Officer School, the Air Command and Staff College, and the Air War College at Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama; and

WHEREAS, motivated by his love for God and country, Colonel Eagan has served the United States Air Force in a manner beyond reproach; and

WHEREAS, a man of honor and integrity, Colonel Patrick Eagan embodies the characteristics of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, it is rare that we honor and recognize a person so wholly committed to the service of his country and his fellow citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE

CONCURRING, That we honor and commend Colonel Patrick Eagan for his outstanding 30 years of service to this nation and the American people in the United States Air Force.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.